



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Rev. Ronald L. Griffin **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Rev. Jim Holley

Lt. Eric Jones
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
PO Lucretia Wright

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
DC Herbert Moreland
DC James Tolbert
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Lt. Robbin Bradford
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Sgt. Romel Alexander
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Shannon Salisbury

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Deldin
Tijuana Morris

Gaspar Fiore
Ron Scott

Judge Deborah Thomas
Edward Moore

Rickey Schoolmaker

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Okdie called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, October 1, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, September 24, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date

46
2% Decrease

47

1276
3% Decrease

1312

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,149** active investigations, of which **823** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,391** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 10/01/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL		1								1
3	EASTERN		2				2	1	3		8
5	NORTHEASTERN		3	2			1				6
4	NORTHWESTERN		2	1			1				4
3	SOUTHWESTERN		1		1		1			2	5
6	GANG ENFORCEMENT	1	4	4			3				12
2	EVIDENCE TECH						1			2	3
3	COMMUNICATIONS									3	3
1	ACADEMY						1		1		2
1	HOMICIDE						1	1			2
1	NARCOTICS				1		1				2
11	UNKNOWN COMMAND		6	6	1		4		1		18
1	10TH PRECINCT						1				1
4	12TH PRECINCT		2				2			1	5
46		1	21	13	3		19	2	5	8	72

Vice-Chair Okdie stated last week Comm. Griffin asked for a report on the status of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) regarding coming into compliance with the Consent Decree. He asked Dir. Goss if he had that report.

Exec Dir. Goss stated yes but it is to be tabled until next week when Comm. Griffin is present.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked what did Dir. Goss mean by it will be tabled, because he didn't hear anyone ask for it to be tabled.

Comm. Holley stated it was his fault. Comm. Griffin was here earlier and since he wasn't going to be here and it was his request, they thought they would table the presentation until he was present.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated that's fine, and asked will the report be given at the community meeting.

Comm. Holley stated it should be done here.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated so in two weeks this Board will be receiving the report.

Comm. Holley stated yes when Comm. Griffin is present.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked Exec Dir. Goss if the report was completed.

Exec Dir. Goss stated yes, sir.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked for a copy of the report before he leaves today.

Exec Dir. Goss stated yes.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked is there anything else before he proceeds to oral communication.

AC Godbee stated on Wednesday, Judge Cook who oversees the Consent Judgment stated there will be a public hearing at 9:00 am Monday in his court for the proposed Monitor candidate Chief Robert Warsaw who was recommended by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and DPD.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated the purpose of that hearing is to appoint a new Monitor.

AC Godbee stated it is for the judge to query the recommendation of the recommended Monitor.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated he still isn't clear on the hearing, and stated that the judge will hear the recommendation of the proposed Monitor and then make a decision on that person as the Monitor.

AC Godbee stated yes, sir.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

- Next meeting:

Thursday, October 7, 2009

@ 6:30 P.M.

Central District

**7310 Woodward
Detroit, Michigan 48201**

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On September 23, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 9000 block of Agnes on a “Person with a Weapon” and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Firearms-Possession by Felon, Weapons-Felony Firearm, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felonious Assault), Domestic Violence, and Habitual 4th.”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
7737 Kercheval	* 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
19810 Grand River	* 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
13206 E. Jefferson	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
14700 Mack	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Southwestern District

On September 24, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 12000 block of Sorrento on a "Breaking & Entering." As a result of the officers' quick response and investigation, three subjects were arrested and charged with "Attempt Home Invasion."



Northeastern District

On September 23, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 3000 block of East Alexandrine on a "Shooting." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Felony Firearm."



Twelfth Precinct

On September 22, 2009, while doing a special attention on a vacant dwelling in the 14000 block of Parkside, officers of the Twelfth Precinct observed a subject leaving the location armed with a weapon. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 4th." A weapon was recovered.



Sixth Precinct

On September 24, 2009, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to the 5000 block of Faust on a "Home Invasion" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 2."

AC Godbee stated he wanted to respond to an inquiry made by Comm. Okdie regarding a news article concerning rape kits and how they are housed, he stated he didn't want to go into all of the details.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated it was mentioned to him, but he didn't see the article. He stated Prosecutor Worthy made a statement stating there were 10,000 rape kits that were not processed by the department. He called AC Godbee to see if that information was correct.

AC Godbee stated the article was inaccurate in the way it was represented and he would like DC Tolbert to speak on how evidence is collected.

DC Tolbert gave an overview on how evidence is collected.

Comm. Holley asked what and when is an act considered a rape.

DC Tolbert stated any case that is determined to be a Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) it is treated as a CSC.

Comm. Holley stated from the beginning.

DC Tolbert stated yes from the beginning.

Comm. Holley asked at what point does the department give notice that it isn't a rape.

DC Tolbert stated nothing can be done about the rape kit itself, but if a person comes in and states they have been a victim of a CSC and the perpetrator is known, then there is no reason to test the kit. Therefore the DNA will not be used.

AC Godbee stated there are laws that dictate once a kit is in the department's possession and there is a successful prosecution, they have a responsibility to hold that evidence. He stated the department is very cautious of the initial audit and has processed the kits correctly, but the Chief is still going to request an independent audit.

Comm. Rivera asked why would the prosecutor make this accusation.

AC Godbee stated there was a joint walk-through between the State Police and department personnel which was agreed to for the inspection. The kits were in boxes and no one took a look at them. There was an assumption made that the kits were not processed and that information was passed along to the prosecutor and she responded.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated this was an accusation that was unsubstantiated.

AC Godbee stated that is correct.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked if the department put out a press release regarding this issue.

AC Godbee stated the department did respond to the Free Press' inquiry. He stated the letter that was sent from the prosecutor's office to the Chief and was given to the Free Press.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked how the department responds to a media allegation. He stated there is enough criticism to go around that has merit. When there are criticisms that don't have merit, how does the department deal with it?

AC Godbee stated the department can't refute the problems that the crime labs have had. In light of that, the department's best responses is to have an independent audit.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated if it were him, he would have put out a press release stating the department will have an independent audit done.

AC Godbee stated that his point is well-taken.

Comm. Holley stated his concern is why can't these parties talk to each other without using the media. He asked why can't everyone work as a team and not beat up on one another. He also asked what will an audit cost.

AC Godbee stated that is something that the department has to ask the State Police.

Comm. Holley stated once the media puts something out there, they aren't going to retract it, and if they do, it will be on the back page. He stated this needs to be more of a team effort with everyone having the citizens in mind.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated the problem is that everyone has their own agenda.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANTS:

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DETROIT AND THE DETROIT HOUSING COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (FMCSA)

The Detroit Police Department (DPD) is requesting to enter a Memorandum of Understanding between the DPD and the Detroit Housing Commission for the purpose of receiving \$611,277.00 for 12 months in reimbursable cost incurred by DPD providing services to the Detroit Housing Commission.

The Detroit Police Department will continue to perform its routine primary law enforcement services at the Detroit Housing Commission developments including, but not limited to, responding to emergency calls for service and conducting criminal investigations. In addition, the DPD will provide police personnel to investigate and present for prosecution, illegal activities at five (5) developments: New Brewster, Villages at Parkside Homes, John W. Smith Homes, Sojourner Truth and Diggs Homes as well as periodic checks at any other "hot spot" or at any elderly/family site.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed and approved by Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel Christopher Ammerman, of the Law Department.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Holley asked for an overview on this Grant.

Lt. Williams stated this Grant is an understanding between the Housing Commission and DPD. The Housing Commission wants the department to secure five of their locations with officers.

Comm. Holley stated this is a reimbursement.

Lt. Williams stated that's correct.

Comm. Holley asked is it for the full amount or partial.

Lt. Williams stated for a seven-month (7) period and anything beyond that can be negotiable.

Comm. Holley asked will this involve additional officers or what the department already has.

Lt. Williams stated it involves the current staff.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated they will do the swearing-in of the new investigators and then go back to the Secretary's Report.

SWEARING-IN

MARIAMA JOHNSON, YONIQUEA COLEMAN, RONALD GODBEE, CAROLYN NICHOLS

OATH

Comm. Holley read the Oath and all agreed by it.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2009
Central District
7310 Woodward
Detroit, MI 48201

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Judge Thomas gave an update on the collaboration efforts of her proposal "Change Detroit for Good". She stated there will be a press conference on Monday, October 5 to get this publicized. She invited this Board to that press conference.

Comm. Holley asked who is working with her from the Board office.

Judge Thomas stated she has been dialoging with Ms. Griffin. She stated the press conference is at 12:30 in her court room and would love to present a representative of this Board.

T. Morris stated she saw the incident with Councilwoman Brenda Jones. She asked what's the protocol when there is a conflict. She stated during her tenure, if it was someone of authority they were instructed to contact a supervisor.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated it is his understanding that Councilwoman Jones had filed a complaint with the OCI shortly after the incident. He isn't clear on the protocol and asked if she is referring to a spokesperson for the department or what the officer did on the scene.

T. Morris stated protocol for media contact.

Comm. Holley stated what she is trying to say is how does a police officer interact with the news media.

AC Godbee stated the officer wasn't representing the police department as its spokesman. He stated as far as speaking to the media, an officer has the right to speak to what they have personal knowledge of if it doesn't compromise a criminal investigation. It is also being investigated by Internal Affairs.

Vice-Chair Okdie stated this Board is not taking a position until the OCI investigation is completed.

T. Morris stated this issue needs to be addressed in the newspaper also.

R. Schoolmaker stated he has a plan to help stop some of the crimes and homicides in the City. His plan was to have prayer every hour on the hour with all of the citizens.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked if he has had any discussion with the Chief about his plan.

R. Schoolmaker stated no.

Vice-Chair Okdie asked AC Godbee if he could meet with Mr. Schoolmaker after the meeting.

AC Godbee stated yes.

R. Schoolmaker stated that's great. He has been on a mission to stop some of these crimes and a way to do that is, if a lot of people did a 20 minute prayer at the same time. They can ask God for his blessing. He stated the key is to say this every hour on the hour. He stated he has copies for anyone who would like one.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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